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Conestoga College, Kitchener

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Police question student

A men's soccer team member was questioned on assault allegations, but not charged, while on a road trip to the Windsor area on the Sept. 17 weekend, according to Ian James, athletic director for Conestoga College.

"As far as the information I can give you, it was a member of our men's soccer team (who was questioned)," he said. James, who refused to give the player's name until having consulted with him, said the player is strongly stating his innocence in this matter.

"We have to remember that everyone is innocent until proven guilty," he said.

No further information was available at press time.

Man walks province

By Jeanette Everall

With two feet and a heart beat, George Marcello is saying thank-you for his gift of life. The recipient of a donated liver, Marcello is walking across Ontario to bring awareness to organ donation.

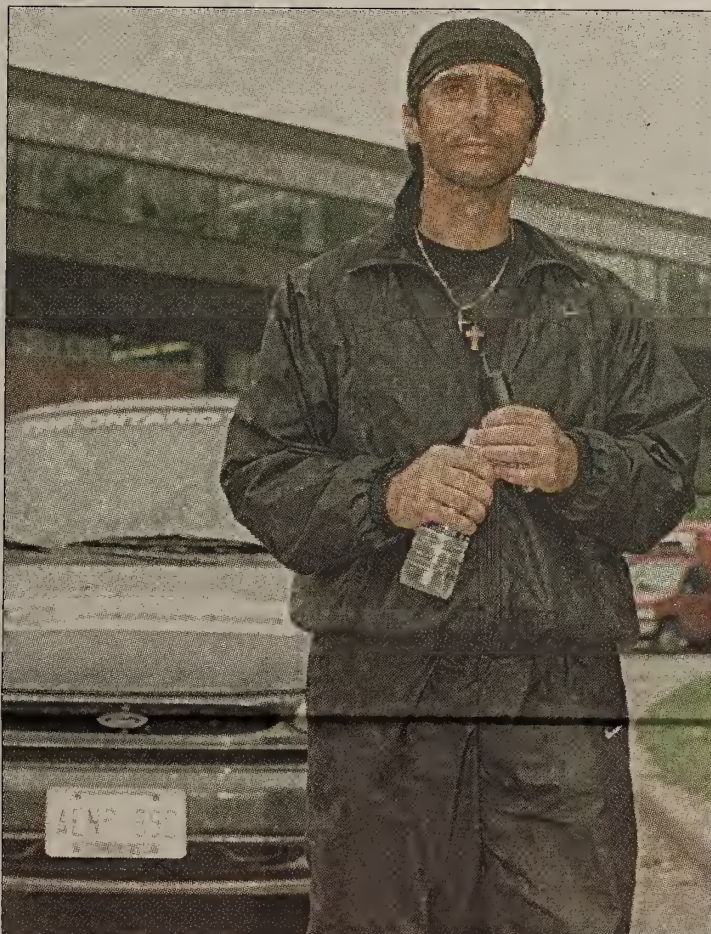
"It's my way of thanking the person who gave me a second chance at life," said Marcello, who was diagnosed with terminal liver disease in 1994.

After spending 11 months on a waiting list, he received a phone call at 2 a.m. in August 1995. Someone had donated a suitable liver.

Marcello stopped at Conestoga College on Sept. 20 during his 2,000-kilometre journey. The stop highlighted the college's involvement with the Step by Step Foundation to promote organ donation.

The campaign, called the Conestoga Connection, is the initial step toward universal involvement and fund-raising by college and university students.

Marcello, who is also trying to get privacy laws changed to make it easier for recipients and donor families to meet, started his walk on June 26. The three-month tour is scheduled to end in Toronto, where Marcello works as a fitness trainer and youth worker.



George Marcello, one of the founders of the Step by Step Foundation, is walking across Ontario to promote and bring awareness to organ donation. (Photo by Jeanette Everall)

Student strike planned

By Jeanette Everall

To protest increasing tuition, the Canadian Federation of Students is planning a nationwide student walkout in February.

The day-long strike, announced Sept. 23, is part of the federation's Access 2000 campaign urging the federal government to increase post-secondary funding by \$3.7 billion to enable a tuition cut or freeze.

Students at Conestoga will not be taking part in the scheduled strike because the Doon Student Association (DSA) is not a member of the federation.

Conestoga is affiliated with the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association, which uses diplomatic measures to lobby for parliamentary change.

Although the association and the colleges it represents are collectively concerned about increasing federal funds in order to freeze tuition, they may be more adamant about the issue than Conestoga, said Ellen Menage, president of the Doon Student Association (DSA).

"I personally wouldn't put tuition freeze on my list of priorities the DSA would like to accomplish with the administration, the association and legislation for this year," said Menage.

She would put applied degrees, the 30 per cent hold-back fund and what each individual college is doing with that money at the top of the list, not a tuition freeze.

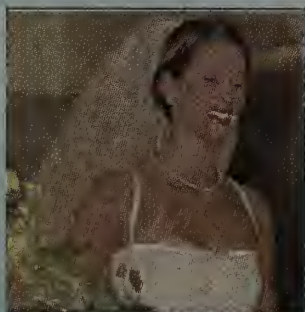
Every year, 30 per cent of each student's tuition is automatically allocated into what is called a hold-back fund. In that same academic year the money is then used to contribute to Conestoga's community in the form of community aid, bursaries and short-term loans.

Tuition for post-secondary education has been steadily rising for about a decade. According to a Statistics Canada report released in August, tuition rates in the province jumped by 9.6 per cent this year. Since 1990 the average cost of tuition in Ontario has climbed by 134.2 per cent to \$3,872.

The administration at Conestoga has chosen not to deregulate tuition, said Menage.

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DSA has new co-ordinator

Compiled by Brad Dugard

Out with the old...

The Doon Student Association has fired their promotions co-ordinator Karl Garner citing a communications breakdown during the week-of-welcome events.

"Karl was a great guy but there were some breakdowns when it came to organizing events," said Jenn Hussey, DSA vice-president operations, on Sept. 21.

... And in with the new

After the firing of their promotions co-ordinator, the DSA didn't have to look far for a replacement. In fact, Alycia Punnett had applied for the part-time salary position when it was first created in April.

She didn't get it then, but as of Sept. 24, it's her job.

This 21-year-old graduate of Conestoga's recreation and leisure services program said that she isn't quite sure exactly what her jobs entails, but she is looking forward to the challenge of promoting the DSA's activities to the college community.

Meeting Notes: from Sept. 21, executive meeting

Endangered Species Week is an endangered species.

Kim Kroeker, promotion assistant for awareness weeks, said at the meeting that the scheduled Endangered Species display at Doon campus has suffered a major setback.

The African Lion Safari, which was supposed to provide a demonstration using large birds, has cancelled.

Substitute options discussed included "farmer Mike" who could bring some goats and a llama to the Sanctuary, and the Humane Society which could bring some "not so endangered" strays to the school.

In the course of the discussion it was decided that perhaps llamas in the school are a bad idea.

I Mother Earth

Patty Stokes, entertainment manager, reported to the executive that although there are no final numbers on ticket sales; the I Mother Earth concert was a success.

"Some of the roadies said in

terms of organization and security this was one of the better college shows," she said.

To the lions with them

Concerns raised at Cambrian College about the student association providing funding to a devil worship club is prompting changes to Conestoga DSA clubs' policy.

Ramy Micheal, the DSA's promotion assistant of clubs and residence, said that while certain clubs, religious and political, cannot receive DSA funding, they can still organize and use DSA resources, like advertising space on bulletin boards.

He suggested these types of clubs would not receive any support from the DSA.

"No one is saying these clubs can't organize (on their own) but (we are saying) that we won't support them," he said. "It is probably best to exclude them (from support)."

The executive decided that this change to clubs' policy would have to be considered at the association's board of directors meeting, Sept. 29.

Input necessary for strategic plan

By Tannis Fenton

The involvement of people is critical to the creation of Conestoga College's new strategic plan, said Larry Rechsteiner, director of college planning.

The strategic plan captures the changing needs of the community and ensures the college is striving to meet those needs, he said.

"The strategic plan is an overall direction of the college for the future," Rechsteiner said. "It's a blueprint of the college's direction."

The new strategic plan covers the next five years and will replace the current plan, which has been in place since 1995 and expires in 2000.

"The board (of directors) and senior administration, particularly the president, want a lot of participation by the people in the college," he said.

There will be a series of questionnaires distributed to people within the college and the community. People will be encouraged to participate by

answering the questionnaires.

The questionnaires will help with the process of gathering information to include in the plan. They will be available in print and online at the college's Web site in late October.

"We anticipate that it will probably be about next spring or summer when it (the strategic plan) will be finalized," said Rechsteiner.

But its completion is not as important as the involvement of people in the process, he said.

About 12 people are on the strategic planning committee which will develop the strategic plan. The committee includes students, faculty, support staff and administration.

The plan defines the college's mission, vision and values. Economic and social trends, student success, quality services and human resources are also outlined.

The mission, vision and values will be looked at first to ensure they are essentially in tact,

said Rechsteiner.

Direction will be given to things such as applied degrees that may have been only briefly talked about five years ago.

Ellen Menage, DSA president, said the strategic plan is extremely important to students because it shows the college is always striving to improve.

But Menage said the plan is something more students need to be aware of.

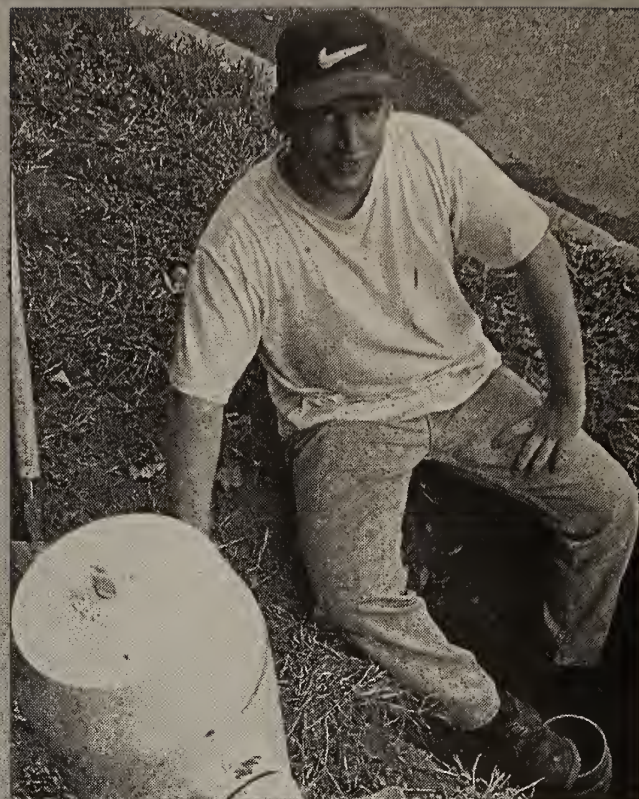
It's great to have a strategic plan, but the people who are benefiting from it should know what it is, she said.

Menage said it's the job of administration and the DSA to communicate the strategic plan to students.

"A good avenue (of communication) is through the board of directors because there you have every program represented," she said.

Board members can read the strategic plan and then communicate with their classes about the plan, Menage said.

Just do it!



Physical resources employee, Shaun Kempel, inspects a broken underground pipe directly across from the main teaching building at Doon campus Sept. 24.

(Photo by Phil Wright)

Strike unrealistic: Menage

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The tuition has increased by \$140 or 10 per cent, which is within the guidelines of what the college can do.

A student strike is somewhat unrealistic and takes the focus off learning, said Menage.

Talking to the administration at the school, asking for a chance to speak at board of governors' meetings or going straight to the people who make the legislation is far more

productive, said Menage.

"It may take a little longer to get the attention and the spark and the interest because it's not as exciting as skipping school to protest on the street," she said.

"But eventually, if you believe strongly about the issue we can get the message out to the students without having them miss class or fall behind."

The University of Guelph is the only post-secondary member represented by the

federation in this area. The university's Central Student Association supports the federation's motion to strike and said they will be participating in some capacity to protest tuition hikes.

A referendum to be held Oct. 12-14 will determine what action will be taken in support of the federation on campus, said Meaghan Gariety, external commissioner for the University of Guelph student association.

Rape drug back K-W police warn club patrons

By Walerian Czarnecki

The date-rape drug has arrived again in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Waterloo regional police have sent out a warning to all people who frequent clubs, bars and other establishments where the drug could be used.

Rohypnol, or flunitrazepam, is a sedative with approximately 10 times the potency of diazepam (Valium). It has been connected to date-rape cases in the K-W area.

Rohypnol can not be legally bought, sold or prescribed in Canada, but limited amounts can be brought into the country if prescribed by a foreign physician.

There are many adverse effects. They include: loss of memory, impaired judgment, dizziness and prolonged periods of blackout.

The pills are round, white and slightly smaller than an aspirin. It is a colourless, odourless and tasteless substance when added to alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks.

Campus life improves

Sheridan upgrades technology systems

By Walerian Czarnecki

Campuses throughout Ontario have a place where students can escape from their hectic day. Conestoga has the remodelled Sanctuary where students can lounge.

The University of Waterloo's Cove re-opened Sept. 13 after closing for the spring term.

The Campus Cove was shut down, according to Imprint, the university paper, because of high rent. Their contract was renegotiated for opening to the satisfaction of the Cove management and their landlords and the Cove's lease was lengthened.

Some improvements for the Cove will include exterior and interior renovations, such as lighting, games and the return of food and drink. The return of WatCard, the University of Waterloo payment system, could also be intro-

duced to the Cove.

Sheridan College's the Cage obtained a liquor licence for its newly constructed patio.

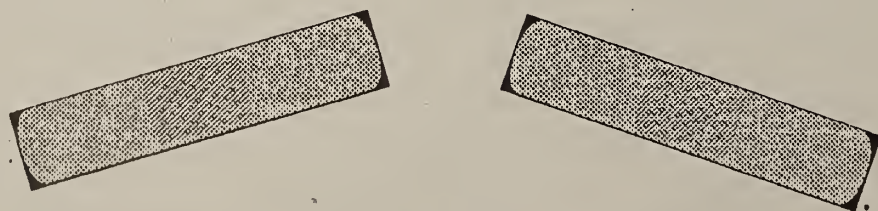
The patio cost \$100,000 and can accommodate 157 people.

It currently serves two kinds of beer and for special events it can provide liquor and possibly draft beer, according to the Sheridan Sun, the college's paper.

The patio is not completed yet. It still needs eye-pleasing landscape and a surrounding six-foot sidewalk to keep patrons out of the mud.

Other possible features to be added to the Cage could be patio heaters to extend its use by a couple of weeks and an awning to keep patrons dry in the rain.

The patio was built with funds from the student union and the college paid for the \$1,500 alarm system and the sidewalk.



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Kitchener lighting up the New Year

By Beverley Grondin

While a large apple is being lowered in Times Square in New York City, spectators in Kitchener's Victoria Park will be watching a spectacular fireworks display, according to Lorna Ferguson, millennium projects co-ordinator for the city of Kitchener.

The fireworks are only part of the evening's celebrations, however.

"We're having an enhanced version of the Festival of the Night that we've had for seven years," said Ferguson.

The non-alcoholic New Year's Eve celebrations will begin early in the evening with a free concert in Kitchener's City Hall for younger children. There are also plans for a small midway, Ferguson said.

"Kelly's Klowns are taking over Victoria School Centre," she said. "There will be a clown party and crafts for kids, as well as karaoke."

The activities will move to Victoria Park

around 9:30 p.m., where there will be other performers at the clock tower.

The committee has also approached some churches in the downtown to see if they want to sing hymns or present organ recitals.

Ferguson said that she is excited and expects several thousand people to attend. She said that every year since 1995 there have been over 12,000 people come out for the New Year's Eve celebrations.

This year she is hoping for at least that many.

Bigger and Better

"We wanted to do something bigger and better," she said.

"If it's cold enough there will be skating in the commons -- the ice rink in front of City Hall."

The fireworks will be set off at midnight from Roose Island in the centre of the lake in Victoria Park as part of the Beacon Millennium Project, which is a program to

organize several celebrations across the world.

"It will be a symbol of unity, hope, renewal and community," said Martin Robinson, who is organizing this project in Canada.

Robinson said that communities participating in the Beacon Millennium Project are choosing various ways to bring in the new year at midnight, such as bonfires, candlelit processions or bell ringing, which is being done in Saskatchewan.

"We are currently in the process of connecting a string of celebrations under one umbrella," said Robinson.

He said that, so far, there are 40 sites from St. John's to Victoria.

"The beacon is based on the concept of beacons of biblical times to spread news," said Ferguson.

"It's so basic and common, a way of putting light around the world at midnight."

She said there will be five or six bonfires around the clock tower.

"We're working on something like candles or creative lights to happen at midnight," she said.

Casino Windsor is also planning to integrate the beacon project into its New Year's Eve celebrations, said Jim Mundy, director of corporate communications for the casino.

"The tracker lights on the building will be turned off on Dec. 31 and will be turned on right at midnight," he said. "Flashlights will also be handed out at the outdoor celebration for the same purpose."

Mundy said the casino is sponsoring a free outdoor party on the river front, which will include a video wall for a retrospective look at the last millennium in Windsor.

Ferguson is hoping to gather more volunteers to help with the New Year's Eve parties.

Anyone interested in helping for the night is asked to call 741-2902 and leave a message for the Festival 2000 committee.

Millennium bash:

The 1999 New Year's Eve celebrations will be better than ever, say many organizers

By Beverley Grondin

(This is the first part in a two-part series. Check back next week for more on the millennium celebrations.)

The year 2000 is less than 100 days away and, according to T.J. Donnelly, director of sales and marketing for Breakaway Tours, this year New Year's Eve will be huge.

The travel company is organizing a three-day trip to Montreal as well as a trip to Quebec City for New Year's Eve. Donnelly said he thinks both trips, which are geared towards college and university students, will sell out by early October.

They have been selling tickets since the beginning of September, and so far they have sold close to 4,000 to 5,000 tickets, he said. The capacity is around 7,000.

Although the tours will be the same as they have always been, Donnelly said that the pure excitement of the students going will make the parties extreme.

Some 8,000 students travelled last year, he said. "Since then, we have been harassed by people to find out what we are planning."

In Kitchener-Waterloo, party organizers are also planning big New Year's Eve celebrations.

According to Sue Stuart, a gen-

eral manager at Revolution nightclub in Waterloo, the bar is planning its biggest party ever.

"This year will be different. Everybody's so hyped; it's crazy."

*Tony Earner,
general manager at Loose
Change Louie's in Waterloo*

Although they have had several inquiries regarding this year's plans, they won't be releasing information or selling tickets for the evening until Oct. 8, said Stuart.

One thing she will say is the bar will stay open until 3 a.m.

"We are trying to outdo, with regards to special effects, the countdown we have done in the past," said Stuart.

The general manager of Whiskey Jack's in Kitchener, Don Haas, said this year's celebrations will be great.

Tickets will go on sale Nov. 1 and will sell for \$25 each, or \$40 per couple, said Haas.

The nightclub will have a strict, semi-formal dress code and is

encouraging couples to attend, he said. The ticket price includes party favours and free champagne.

In Waterloo, Loose Change Louie's will be selling tickets for \$20 each as of Oct. 1, said general manager Tony Earner.

"This year will be different," he said. "Everybody's so hyped; it's crazy."

He said the party will be semi-formal, which means no jeans, and tickets for a cruise might be given away during the evening.

Many activities are also planned in Niagara Falls, according to Kathy Murray, manager of the Winter Festival of Lights.

Although the lineup of performers is not confirmed, there will be a performance by children's entertainers at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 31 in Queen Victoria Park, said Murray.

There will also be two fireworks displays over the Falls, one at 9:30 p.m. and another at midnight.

"Our fireworks at midnight are going to be spectacular," she said.

Murray said there have been several inquiries about the evening's celebrations, and the organizers are expecting thousands of spectators.

"We always fill Queen Victoria Park to capacity and we are expecting more because of the millennium," she said.



Karla Steffensen is decked out in a gown from Thymes II Design Studio in Kitchener's Market Village.

(Photo by Angela Clayfield)

High fashion helps United Way

By Angela Clayfield

Kitchener's Four Points hotel became a miniature version of a Paris runway when area clothiers held the 3rd annual Downtown Jazzy Fashion Fund-raiser Sept. 22.

The event, hosted by Audrey Wilson, president of Gemini Modeling Agency which provided the models, featured magic from illusionist Brian Michaels and magician Scott Dietrich, jazz music courtesy of Denise Baker with Shafapha On the Side, food and a lot of fashion.

Amber Panchen, fashion show co-ordinator and marketing assistant for the Kitchener Downtown Business Association, said they were hoping to exceed last year's total of \$2,500. Over \$4,000 was raised from ticket sales, sponsor participation fees and a pass-the-shoe collection.

Local celebrity models, including Mayor Carl Zehr and David

Imrie of CKCO news, collected spare change or bills in the shoes they were modelling for Petsche's Shoes. All funds from the sold-out show went to the local branch of the United Way.

Panchen said the first year attracted a small crowd at a restaurant. This year the event required a ballroom.

Some 300 people attended this year, up from 250 last year.

This year's crowd, as noted by Sonia Burtenshaw, owner and operator of Frills Bridal, one of the participating stores, was very diverse as the fashions presented were for men and women of every age.

Several of the stores that participated were from Market Village in the east end of downtown Kitchener. Many of the selections were custom made.

Panchen said people were amazed that nice clothes are being sold in downtown Kitchener.



Editorial

Students to strike

In a radical twist to student protests over increasing tuition at post secondary institutions, the Canadian Federation of Students intends to hold a nationwide strike in February.

The organization announced its plans on Sept. 23 as part of its Access 2000 campaign, urging a \$3.7-billion increase in federal post-secondary funding and a tuition freeze. The organization is also seeking \$1.2 billion to set up a system for national student grants.

In the same vein, Conestoga's Doon Student Association (DSA) is under pressure from the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association, of which the DSA is a member, to stand up and be counted in the fight against tuition hikes.

The association is soliciting the support of its member institutions to lobby the provincial government to increase operating grants, thereby enabling colleges to grant a tuition freeze.

However, there is one fundamental difference between the college association and the students' federation — responsibility.

While the federation is irresponsible in encouraging students to leave the classroom in protest, the association will be taking the more rational approach.

Understanding the importance of reasonable tuition, the college association, with the support of its members, will lobby the government through parliamentary means such as working with members of parliament in order to voice student concerns as opposed to unpredictable, and possibly futile, outbursts of sign waving and picketing.

In doing so, the college association is showing it is accountable to its student members. Their actions affirm their No. 1 priority is the best interests of the students.

Conestoga students should applaud the DSA for choosing to associate with the community college association, which believes in working within the system. The federation's compulsion to attack the system with irate protests and radical demonstrations has no predictable ending.

Conestoga students are fortunate they do not belong to an organization that chooses to play Russian Roulette with their future. There is no way to determine what will result from the federation's protest, but one thing is clear. There is no guarantee the one-day protest will benefit students.

There is a possibility that a strike by students could result in failure even though students would be leaving classes which they are paying for. Post-secondary institutions which support the one-day walkout are only defeating themselves. The federation should realize the protest will only serve to hurt their cause.

Sports not priority

Being ranked No. 1 in the province academically is a significant achievement that Conestoga well deserves and should take pride in. What we should not be proud of, however, is our ranking on the playing field.



Nicole Furlong

Athletically, Conestoga is an embarrassment to colleges in Ontario, harbouring only four varsity teams.

Conestoga has a full-time enrolment of 4,900 students this year.

Mohawk College in Hamilton has double that number, but runs 14 varsity programs, which is over triple the number Conestoga has.

Niagara College in Welland, which has only 100 more students than Conestoga, runs 10 teams.

Clearly, these schools are making sports one of their top priorities, all the while maintaining academic excellence.

The main reason for this is ath-

letics is not a priority at Conestoga College.

A lack of money allotted in the college's budget and a lack of school spirit are the other reasons.

That being said, there are several good reasons why sports should be made a higher priority. Because we are so limited in the sports department we are losing potential students.

It is obvious students are, as they should be, choosing colleges for their academic standing, but athletics is a growing consideration, and that is where we fail to pass muster.

The only real solution to the problem is for the college to allot more money in the budget to athletics in order to make sports a higher priority and allow the college to gain the recognition it deserves.

Achieving academic excellence should have the highest spot on the totem pole by colleges, however, athletics should be placed not too far behind.

Conestoga is ranked No. 1 academically, but we should have so much more to offer!



Canadian government neglects East Timorese

It's time the federal government imposes military and economic sanctions on Indonesia.

Its negligence over the 24-year-long bloodshed in East Timor and procrastination on the trade block is outright feckless.

Aloz MacDonald, international human rights activist, and some 20 vitriolic student activists marched in downtown Guelph Sept. 24, protesting the killing of East Timorese.

MacDonald has been working closely with University of Guelph students who are organizing local vigils, petitions and protests to raise awareness of the Indonesian government's barbaric acts on the people of East Timor.

"Why hasn't the government done it already?" MacDonald said. "What is it waiting for?"

The Free East Timor group is urging the federal government, especially Lloyd Axworthy, minister of foreign affairs, to impose economic and military sanctions on Indonesia.

According to the 1999/2000 Trade and Economic Analysis (EET) report from the department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada's total trade with Indonesia is 0.16 per cent, placing it 21st on Canada's top 100 list of trading countries.

Therefore it's the case of cheap shoes made in Indonesia versus a young East Timorese's head. What's it going to be for the Canadian government?

The Guelph student activists said the Canadian government should release a statement which would recognize the Aug. 30 popularity vote for East Timor's independence and express condemnation of the genocide carried out by the pro-autonomy forces of Indonesia against the civilians of East Timor.

Although this piece of documentation will not stop the pro-Indonesia militia from wiping out the people of East Timor, it will help reduce the death toll in the future.



Anna Sajfert

Military sanctions are past due.

After 24 years of documented mass executions, transmutations and sadistic demarche on the East Timorese, the Canadian government should have a clear-cut case for imposing immediate economic and military sanctions on Indonesia.

Although Axworthy has made claims that Canada cut military ties with Indonesia "years ago," it isn't true.

According to the East Timor Action Network (ETAN) news ties have not been cut with Indonesia because some 300 Canadian companies, of which 10 make weapons, operate within Indonesian borders.

The European Union was first to impose sanctions. The United States followed.

What is Axworthy waiting for?

Suharto's government did not recognize the United Nation's Charter on the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, which recognized the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence.

His army invaded East Timor in 1975. The annexation came 10 days after the East Timorese gained independence from Portugal.

According to a Sept. 21 ETAN article the Indonesian military murdered one-third of the entire population between 1975 and 1991.

After the Nov. 12, 1991, massacre, when 273 people were murdered by Indonesian troops, a brutally picturesque documentary, *Cold Blood: The Massacre of East Timor*, was released.

Some of the systematic tortures that took place were electric shocks, mutilation, burning of genitals by cigarettes, rape, sexual assault, sleep and food deprivation.

Following the Aug. 30 referendum, when the East Timorese voted 78 per cent in favour of independence, Indonesia's new leader, Yusuf Habibie, a demoniacal reflection of the former president Suharto, ordered his military to attack East Timor.

Really, it's time the Canadian government plays a little political tyrant by imposing military and economic sanctions on Indonesia.

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Peter Tosh gets little credit

By Brian Gall

Anybody who knows about music has heard of Bob Marley. But hardly anyone gives credit to the man who played and sang alongside him in The Wailers.

Peter Tosh was a part of the trio, with Marley and Bunny Livingston (Wailer), that gave the world its first real taste of reggae music. Born Winston Hubert McIntosh, Oct. 9, 1944, he earned the nickname "Stepping Razor" because of his bold attitude.

He wrote lyrics about the political "shitstem" (system) and benefits of marijuana, which was considered controversial at the time. He had some love-type songs but is best known for tunes like *Legalize It*, which became a theme song for the marijuana movement. "Legalize it don't criticize it. Legalize it and I will advertise it. Birds eat it, and they love it. Fowls eat it. Goats love to play with it," Tosh sang.

Murdered in his Jamaican home in 1987, fans will celebrate Tosh's life and music at a massive birthday celebration Oct. 9 and 10, in San Diego, Calif.

The La Jolla Indian Reservation will host a lineup of reggae performers like Bunny Wailer, Junior Reid and the One Blood Family as well as Andrew Tosh, Peter's son.

A Tosh tribute of this size has never been staged in the California area, according to Dave Allard, of Lou's Records, located about 40 kilometres outside of San Diego. He said there has been interest in the event and in Tosh lately. The store has sold all of their \$50 weekend camping tickets for the celebration.

Allard said Lou's Records has the biggest selection of reggae on the west coast, and since the latest



Peter Tosh, as shown on his CD titled *Legalize it*.

Tosh album, *The Best of: Scrolls of the Prophet*, was released July 1, the store has sold about 50 copies.

"Something like this is not a flash in the pan. I mean you could have some new artist come out and sell this many (copies) within the first couple of months. Then they're gone and you never hear from them again. Whereas the Peter Toshes will just keep selling and selling and selling probably until the end of time," said Allard, who orders all of the reggae at Lou's Records.

Local reggae artist and three-time Juno award nominee Errol Blackwood saw Tosh play in Toronto in 1987 and exchanged hellos with the legend. Blackwood said he likes Tosh for reasons other people may not. He admires how Tosh was direct and told it like it was.

"He wore emotion on his feet, you could say. If he felt mad about something, he expressed it and I identify with that," said the Kitchener resident who fronts The Errol Blackwood Reggae Band. "In some ways I'm influenced by

most of the pioneers of reggae. And he's one of them."

A couple of Tosh albums (his infamous *Legalize It*, released in 1976, and *Equal Rights*, released in

1977) have been digitally re-mastered and re-released at a lower price by Columbia Records this year. Allard said he has sold about 30 copies of *Legalize It* since July.

"You gotta think. That's something that's been around for 20 years and in two months we're selling 30. That's damn good," he said.

Peter Tosh grew up in the Kingston, Jamaica, slum of Trenchtown. He met Bob Marley and Bunny Livingston in the early '60s, forming the Wailing Wailers in 1962. The band's name was shortened to the Wailers shortly after the three became involved in the Rastafarian movement.

After the additions of bassist Aston "Family Man" Barrett and his brother, drummer Carleton in 1970, the Wailers became superstars in the Caribbean. Their debut

record, *Catch a Fire*, was released by Island Records in 1972.

In 1973, Tosh accidentally drove his car off a bridge, killing his girlfriend and fracturing his skull. After Island president Chris Blackwell decided he no longer wanted to issue Tosh's solo album in 1974, Tosh left the Wailers.

CBS Records released *Legalize It*, his first solo project in 1976, and the title track became an anthem for the marijuana movement. Other Tosh releases include *Equal Rights*, *Bush Doctor*, *Mystic Man*, *Wanted Dread or Alive* and *Mama Africa*.

Soon after the release of *No Nuclear War* in 1987, Tosh was murdered in his Jamaican home.

Only one of the three suspects was caught. A personal friend of the reggae star was sentenced to hang for the murder.

Reggae artist spreading word

By Brian Gall

Reggae music has been an international success over the years, but few Canadian performers have explored its sound.

Errol Blackwood, a Kitchener artist, is keeping reggae alive in this country.

A native of Jamaica, he has been in Canada for over 20 years.

Blackwood said there are not many places to play in this area. The Errol Blackwood Reggae Band often has to play in the United States and places outside of Ontario, like Montreal and Quebec city, though they have recently performed in Cambridge and London.

Blackwood said reggae is more of an international thing. Even in places like Germany and Sweden, the music is more popular than it is here.

Fans of reggae can usually appreciate wide ranges of music. Bob Marley albums appear in most serious record collections, and Blackwood said it's because reggae hits a nerve in people.

"I think reggae is heartbeat music. Even before you hear the singing, as soon as you hear that bop-vibe, it gives you a 'no problem' feeling," he said.

Blackwood played the Bob Marley tribute festival in Texas from 1993-1997.

He has recorded 20 new songs to be released on a CD this year.

Originally from Maroon Hills, Jamaica, he formed a band called *Messenjah* in Canada in 1980. They toured across Canada and the United States, working with The Clash and Frank Zappa along the way.

In 1990 Errol released a 10-song album called *Warrior*. Three videos from the album received Canadian Reggae Music Awards and *Warrior* was named album of the year.

Waking up the Dream, released in 1995, received a Juno Award nomination for best reggae recording. Blackwood also received Juno nominations in 1987 and 1988.

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Theatre reigns supreme

Princess Cinema remains on top after 15 years

By Adam Wilson

After 15 years of loyal patronage and excellent film viewing, the Princess Cinema is still reigning supreme in the art-house cinema scene.

"Intimate is good for our corporation, so I wouldn't want to be too much bigger for a single-screen cinema," said John Tutt, owner.

Tutt opened the doors of the Princess Cinema on Sept. 18, 1985, with a showing of the film *Casablanca*.

He said that the Kitchener-Waterloo area was the largest urban population in Ontario without its own independent art-house cinema. Tutt was interested in opening such a cinema. It was just a matter of finding a location.

"I was 24 years old and needed the work (when the cinema was opened)," said Tutt. "The prospect of a small business was more than appealing."

Tutt opened the theatre with only \$1,800 in 1985 and has

upgraded and reinvested over the years. Last November the Princess invested \$20,000 in a new stereo surround system, as well as new carpet and a new paint job.

"Next year we plan on installing 200 brand new seats which will be the best cinema seats anywhere in K-W," he said.

Tutt is not only the owner of the Princess Cinema but also the film programmer and projectionist. He also provides all of the layout and design for the bi-monthly Princess Cinema Film Guide.

Tutt said that K-W's response to the cinema is positive. People like the single-screen cinema, and with good movies playing, they are almost always filled to near capacity most nights.

"The more we see how boring mega and giga-plexes can be, the more people realize that a good

movie doesn't need a 20-foot-high screen, tacos and chips to be enjoyed," he said. "Patrons are warm to a cinema where staff are knowledgeable about movies and

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John Tutt,
Princess Cinema owner

the customer is number 1."

With Silver City, King's College and Fairway cinemas as competition, the Princess uses choice of films to draw patrons. They try to offer a good balance of movie choices that appeal to a cross-section of movie audiences. Their main attractions are art-house films, cult classics, Canadian and independent films that mainstream, big box theatres won't show.

"We diligently stick to the art-house mandate of only playing quality productions, be they foreign, Canadian, independent, cult, literary adaptations or near-Hollywood titles," said Tutt.

He added that they try to steer away from blockbusters and big Hollywood titles, but occasionally they do sneak in.

Over the last year, Tutt has been protesting against the city's plan to build a 3,000-seat, 12-screen theatre that will leave Kitchener's Silver City in the dust.

The new theatre will require a five-storey parking garage and another 750 parking spots.

Tutt said he is trying to illustrate that his objections to the theatre relate to scale, not to competition.

"Waterloo needs a cinema somewhere in the north end," he said, "but not crammed into our small core area."

He said the traffic, noise and parking problems from hundreds of cars so close to residential areas won't be tolerated and that it is bad planning on the city's behalf.

He suggested that the recently closed Maxi & Co. building would make an ideal 50,000-square-foot cinema complex for the north end of Waterloo.

Tutt said he has thought about moving from his current location but the downtown Kitchener area scares him because the nightlife seems to be veering towards a large bar scene.

He said he believes that Kitchener-Waterloo could use more independent cinemas, only because as the chains expand into their ever more mind-numbing, boring experiences, it becomes easier to be different.

For general information visit the Princess Cinema Web site at <http://prineess.sentex.net>.

For film listings, look on the Web site or pick up a Princess Cinema Film Guide distributed across the K-W area.

Sloan: Canada's busiest musicians

Hectic Canadian alternative band releases their third album in 18 months

By Adam Wilson

When bands get popular, they tend to stick to a formula that goes: release an album, tour, take a break, then put another CD out within two years. Sloan has broken free from this workaholic standard and set a new one.

Releasing their third album in 18

months, Sloan's fifth album of new material, *Between the Bridges*, is yet another recording that can be compared to The Beatles. But that's not all.

The album is solid, with 12 songs that range in sound from piano-driven ballads to guitar-heavy stereo-blasters.

What the band has done is put all

12 songs in a format where listening to the entire album is a must each time.

There are no breaks between the songs, making this album a rock and roll epic.

From the opening song, *The N.S.*, to the final track, *Delivering Maybes*, Sloan shows their fans that not everything is about screaming into the microphones and giving George Michaels' songs a hard rock facelift.

Sloan is doing the exact opposite.

With each album, Sloan is somewhat showing their age as well as their maturity. They use more pianos and tone down their songs to a level where you can listen to them with your parents.

What makes each Sloan album a

treat is their musical diversity. Their influences show up on each album, and on each album, there

With each album, Sloan is somewhat showing their age as well as their maturity.

are new influences.

There is always a solid Beatles influence. But on *Between the Bridges*, other new ones are obvious.

The sounds of Black Sabbath, Pink Floyd and Sloan's original grunge sound make an appearance.

In addition to influences, each band member is multi-talented when it comes to playing his instruments and songwriting.

On each album, each member writes and sings at least two songs.

Drummer Andrew Scott's songs are always standouts with his monotone singing voice and imaginative songwriting.

With *Bridges*, Sloan is just showing where they are headed in the next few years: a slower sound, with a few rock riffs thrown in occasionally to spice up the album.

Some early reviews of this album gave it less than stellar praise, but give the album a listen. *Between the Bridges* is a great album and ranks as one of Sloan's best so far.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Mature Students

Returning to school after years of being out in the workplace or raising a family can be intimidating. Mature students sometimes find it difficult to juggle the demands of family, school and work. They're unsure if they'll be able to remember course material or may associate school with unpleasant experiences from high school days.

Here are a few observations about mature students that might ease some of their uncertainties about returning to school:

- Mature students usually don't have memory problems and can usually relate their learning to "real life situations" more easily.
- Mature students are often very motivated. They know why they're here and how furthering their education fits in with their life plans.
- Mature students can draw on previously learned work habits and time management skills. Mature students are also sometimes concerned about fitting in socially. Student Services can help, either individually, or through a *Mature Students Drop-In*, which provides a place to meet and exchange ideas. For more information, watch for flyers on Student Services bulletin boards or contact Student Services.

A Message from Student Services (Room 2B02)

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Applied degrees:

Right time for college to pursue apple of prez's eye

By Phil Wright

Conestoga president John Tibbits believes the time is ripe for the college to pursue applied degrees.

"I believe the timing is appropriate now. We're really going to start to push. We've been talking about it (applied degrees) a long time," said Tibbits.

Tibbits is currently developing an advisory council whose main function will be to convince the provincial government that Conestoga deserves degree-granting powers.

Tibbits envisions this council being largely made up of local high-tech executives.

"We'll be pulling in some senior people from the high-tech field, senior people from advanced manufacturing and senior people from health care," said Tibbits.

A powerful and organized lobby-

ing effort is needed, said Tibbits, as the decision to offer degree-granting powers is ultimately a political one.

Tibbits advocates applied degrees, because they would increase the prestige of Conestoga's vocational programs without threatening universities.

What Tibbits is asking for is not unique in Canada. Alberta and British Columbia have colleges with degree-granting powers. In fact, many countries throughout the world have colleges with such powers, said Tibbits.

"The question is not why should Conestoga and some colleges have this (applied degrees). The big question is why don't we have them."

Besides, said Tibbits, universities can't keep up with the demand for their services and allowing degree-granting powers to Conestoga would be a benefit for the universities.

"Universities really should be areas for people who are passionate about learning and creating knowledge. They shouldn't be filled with people who just want jobs," he said.

Universities need to continue offering degrees in the pure sciences, engineering and the liberal arts as they have the resources and expertise in place, he said.

The programs suitable for applied degrees, said Tibbits, are those with a vocational emphasis. Programs such as nursing, robotics, information technology, electronics and materials management are candidates for applied degrees.

Tibbits said he doesn't want Conestoga to be perceived as a threat to the universities.

He sees Conestoga's ideal role as a polytechnic institute where degrees can be offered for applied programs.

Ryerson Polytechnic University

was once Canada's only polytechnic institute. It has been a polytechnic university since 1993.

Bruce Piercey, public affairs manager at Ryerson, said there are three fundamental differences between a polytechnic institute and a college.

Firstly, a polytechnic institute's faculty has a research mandate. Secondly, it offers post-graduate degrees, and thirdly, there are extensive liberal-studies programs, said Piercey.

Although Ryerson is a polytechnic university in name, it is moving more in the direction of a university, said Piercey. Only one or two of Ryerson's programs currently offer diplomas, he said.

The inclusion of polytechnic in its name was just "part of its tradition," said Piercey.

Since there is no true polytechnic institute in Canada, Tibbits sees an educational vacuum, and he

believes Conestoga can fulfill that need.

"We are, if not the best, then one of the best colleges in Ontario," said Tibbits, "but we're still not allowed to grant degrees unless legislation is passed."

What this community needs is more people in the skilled trades and people won't be attracted to the trades unless degrees are offered, he said.

Industry is looking for people in skilled trades as there is a shortage of skilled workers.

Although universities may oppose his vision, and extensive lobbying of the provincial government may be necessary, Tibbits believes degree-granting powers would be a major achievement for Conestoga.

"Let's face it. If we got this (applied-degrees) it would be one of the biggest things that ever happened at Conestoga College," he said.

A fan's dream



Guelph Storm fan Ben Wilkinson, 11, gets his shirt autographed by Guelph Storm Aran Myers at the first annual Storming the Streets hockey experience at Stone Road Mall on Sept. 25. (Photo by Linda Wright)

Sizzling sausages

College students cooking free breakfast

By Linda Wright

Smells of bubbling pancake batter and sausages will fill the air at Waterloo Town Square on Oct. 9.

The food and beverage management program at Conestoga College's Waterloo campus hosts the free Oktoberfest breakfast.

The event is widely recognized, said Beth Esenbergs, co-ordinator of the food and beverage management program.

The program has been serving

breakfast for the past 15 years, she said. The annual event is a co-operative effort among CHYM-FM Kitchener, Waterloo Town Square and the college.

The chef will arrive at 5:30 a.m. with about 20 pails of pancake mix and 25 cases of sausages.

The students will arrive at 6 a.m. and start preparing the breakfast by firing up 14 grills.

"There is always a great turnout," says Esenbergs.

The breakfast serves customers from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Night dwellers at college

By Talisha Matheson

A new life begins at Conestoga College as the sun goes down as the evening students flock to Doon campus.

When full-time staff and students leave for the day, part-time and continuing education students invade the parking lots and the corridors.

"Part-time students are invisible to the full-time students," said David Stewart, director of continuing education.

Not many people realize how many students are at Doon in the evenings for classes, he said.

"When it seems like no one is around and you can kick a pop can down the hall, people are learn-

ing," said Stewart.

Jermaine Mavis, a continuing education student, said everything is accessible in the evening for part-time and continuing education students. "The only downfall is that the library closes early."

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Karry Litchey, a part-time travel and tourism student, said she likes the fact that food services is open when she arrives for a 7 p.m. class.

She said everything should be accessible for the part-time students because they are the same as full-time students.

"The only difference is that we're here in the evening," said Litchey.

Kim Steinberg, an employee at Roasters, said they are open until 9 p.m. for the part-time students.

"I have a few big rushes," she said, "one before eight and one after eight."

Although Pizza Pizza is closed at 1:45 p.m., Dooners remains open until 9 p.m.

Sandra Hawco, a Dooners employee, said part-time students get out on breaks at eight, so there's a big rush then.

The walksafes program is also available for part-time and continuing education students, but special needs services and student services are not accessible after 5 p.m.

Part-time students outnumber full-time students at college

By Talisha Matheson

There are more than 30,000 part-time and continuing education students at Conestoga College, according to David Stewart, director of continuing education.

He said there are six times more part-time students than full-time students.

According to 1998 statistics, most are women. Sixty-three per cent of those enrolled in part-time and continuing education courses in Ontario are females and 37 per cent are males.

Conestoga ranks above the provincial numbers for females with 64 per cent and falls below the provincial statistics with 36 per cent males.

The percentage of full-time students based on gender are not available, according to Lauren Divell of Conestoga admissions.

Stewart said part-time and continuing education enrolment has been steady for the past five years, and the numbers can be shocking to some.

Divell said there is a total of 4,694 full-time students.

Part-time and continuing edu-

cation enrolment was about 9,700 for the spring, 940 for the summer, 9,300 for the fall and 9,500 for the winter of 1999.

Fall enrolment for 1999 was lower compared to the past two years.

Enrolment for fall 1997 was about 11,460 and about 11,510 for fall 1998.

Stewart said there is no specific reason why this year's enrolment dropped compared to the past two years.

"It hasn't drastically affected the steady enrolment pace of part-time and continuing education," he added.

The 5th Annual Craft and Hobby Show/Sale

DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE!!

Start working on those crafts for the 5th Annual Craft and Hobby Show/Sale to be held on Thursday, November 18, 1999, Doon Campus, in the main cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vendor applications will be available to present employees, students, retirees and immediate family members of present employees. Vendor table fee will be \$10 per vendor with a maximum of two participants per table.

Please contact Erica Stoermer at extension 399 for more information.



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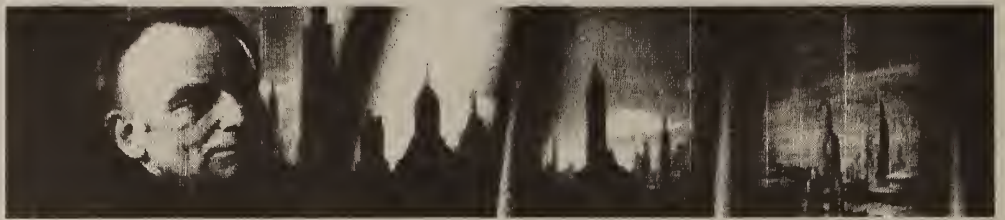
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Conestoga hopes to decrease gender imbalance in skilled trades

By Phil Wright

It may be a long uphill battle, but Conestoga and its dean of engineering technology are ready to confront gender imbalance in technical trades.

Mike McClements is hopeful some initiatives undertaken by Conestoga will reduce the male dominance in programs such as robotics, electronics and engineering technology.

Fall 1999 statistics from Conestoga's registrar's office show males comprise 89 per cent of students in the school of engineering technology. These statistics do not surprise McClements.

"We struggle to get 10 per cent of any technical program having women," said McClements. "Anything more than that would be considered (an anomaly)."

A typical program at the moment, said McClements, would be electronics technology where only six of 97 first-year students are female.

One initiative being undertaken is an attempt to arrange a support group for women in technology at the college. Such an effort would reduce the stereotypical barriers for women, said McClements, and it would also help the women students to feel more at home if they could share with other women who are experiencing the same thing.

Another more formalized initiative undertaken by the college is a project in conjunction with Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC).

This effort uses a variety of focus groups with local school boards, parents and students.

"The purpose of the project," said McClements, "is an attempt to understand viewpoints of women towards technology pro-

grams prior to coming to college."

Conestoga also participates in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

Other participants in this effort are the Waterloo Region district school board, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

This project teaches trades to students in Grades 11 and 12, said Linda Barfoot, a consultant in experiential learning with the Waterloo Region district school board.

Currently, the OYAP program is offered to 15 secondary schools in the region.

In this program, a number of different trades are taught and students who then study that trade in college receive an eight-week credit, said Barfoot.

This enables the student to enter the program at an intermediate level in college, she said.

The curriculum being taught to students in the OYAP program is identical to what is offered at Conestoga, said Barfoot.

Conestoga has also been participating in Industry Awareness days for secondary school guidance counsellors and teachers.

According to Barfoot, three such days, which are sponsored by the OYAP program, have been held thus far, with the last held at Toyota's Cambridge plant.

The guest speaker at this event was Conestoga president John Tibbits.

A proposed collaboration between Conestoga and Skills Canada, called Get a Trade Day, is yet another effort undertaken to combat misconceptions about trades, said Barfoot.

These projects may benefit trades over the long run, but

according to McClements, the female perception of trades may start as early as elementary school.

In a follow-up study to the province-wide Grade 3 testing, some interesting information came to light about female self-perception.

"When they asked the Grade 3 girls how they thought they did on mathematics, generally their perception was lower than their actual

performance," said McClements. "When they asked the same question of the boys at the same level, the reverse was true; they thought they did better."

Since math is the best indicator of success in the skilled trades, he said, it is easy to see how such gender imbalances develop.

Industry, said McClements, needs to appeal to students at an early age about the modern reali-

ties of skilled trades.

"I can talk until I'm blue in the face about what the working environment is like, but it's up to industry to sell themselves to the youth," he said.

Role models, said McClements, such as women teachers with a relevant technical background, can make a significant difference as the stereotypical barriers can be broken down.

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TIME MANAGEMENT	MON. OCT. 4	11:30 – 12:30	3A505
	THURS. OCT. 7	12:30 – 1:30	3B14
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	THURS. OCT 21	12:30 – 1:30	3B14
SUICIDE PREVENTION	WED. OCT. 20	1:30 – 2:30	1C15

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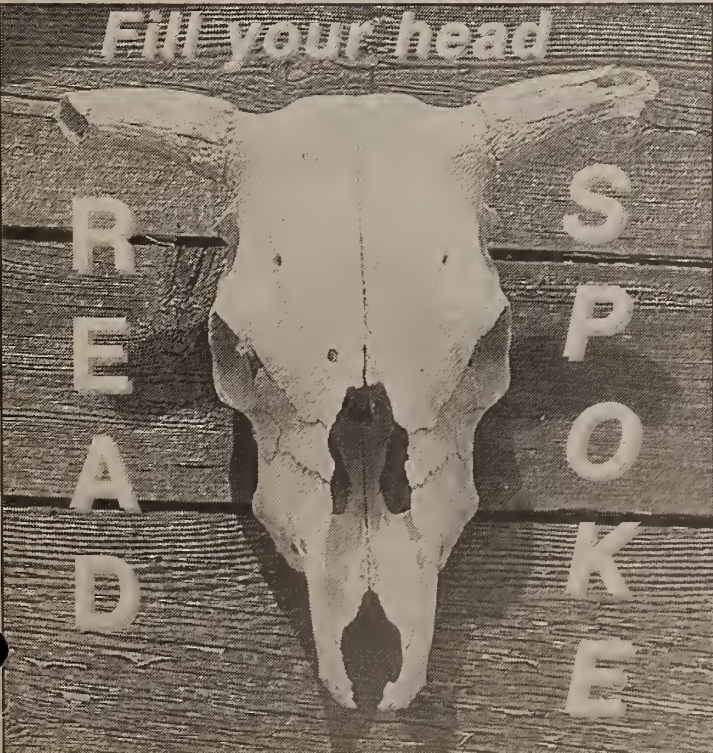
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FOR THE FOLLOWING GROUPS YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN UP AT STUDENT SERVICES BEFORE THE BELOW DATES IN ROOM 2B02. PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR TIMETABLE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE TIME AND DATE.

TEST ANXIETY GROUP	Four weeks in length Commencing week of Oct. 11 One hour per week Timetables due Oct.5
RELAXATION GROUP	Three weeks in length Commencing week of Oct. 18 One hour per week Timetables due Oct. 12
PUBLIC SPEAKING ANXIETY GROUP	Five weeks in length Commencing week of Oct. 18 1.5 hours per week Timetables due Oct. 12

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FACILITATOR: Carol Gregory



Canuck youths getting lucky

By Brian Gall

Canadian youth are among the world's most sexually active people, according to the results of the 1999 Durex Global Sex Survey — A Youth Perspective.

The fourth annual survey is an international study of the sexual attitudes and behaviour of global youth aged 16-21. Fourteen countries participated this year.

Canada and the United States have the youngest sexually active population, with youth losing their virginity at an average age of 15, almost a year younger than the global average of 15.9, according to a press release issued Sept. 21.

The necessity for improved sex education is prominent in survey findings.

Sixty-two per cent of youths said a condom was their main method of contraception and 92 per cent recognized that condoms protect against HIV infection. Yet 43 per cent admitted they didn't use a condom for their first time. And 18 per cent of respondents were not aware that a condom protects against pregnancy.

"You wonder if they have been on Mars for 10 years," said Sue McGarvie, a practising sex therapist in Ottawa, who is not surprised at the lack of sexual knowledge among youth.

She said high school kids in Ontario only receive two weeks of

sex education in gym class and McGarvie admitted she skipped that class like everyone else.

Young people use friends as their main source of information about sex. Over a quarter of those surveyed said their first sexual advice was from friends, and 30 per cent said most of their information came from peers. Meanwhile, parents were voted as the preferred source, underlining a need and opportunity for parents to improve discussions about sex with their children.

"You wonder if they have been on Mars for 10 years."

Sue McGarvie,
sex therapist

Planning for safer sex is an area that Canadian youth need to improve upon.

Forty-seven per cent of those who did not use a contraceptive for their sexual experience said it was because protection was not available.

Globally, 28 per cent of the sexually active respondents did not use a condom or other contraceptive for their first time. France,

Germany and Spain rank the highest for condom usage for first time sex, while Taiwan, Singapore and Mexico ranked lowest with 49 per cent of the respondents using no form of contraception.

Availability can be related to cost. On average, a box of six condoms is sold for \$10.

This is too expensive for many youth and McGarvie said she is definitely in favour of making condoms free.

"Every time there is a young woman who has a baby and raises that baby on mother's allowance, it costs the country \$500,000," said the former sexuality co-ordinator at Carleton University in Ottawa.

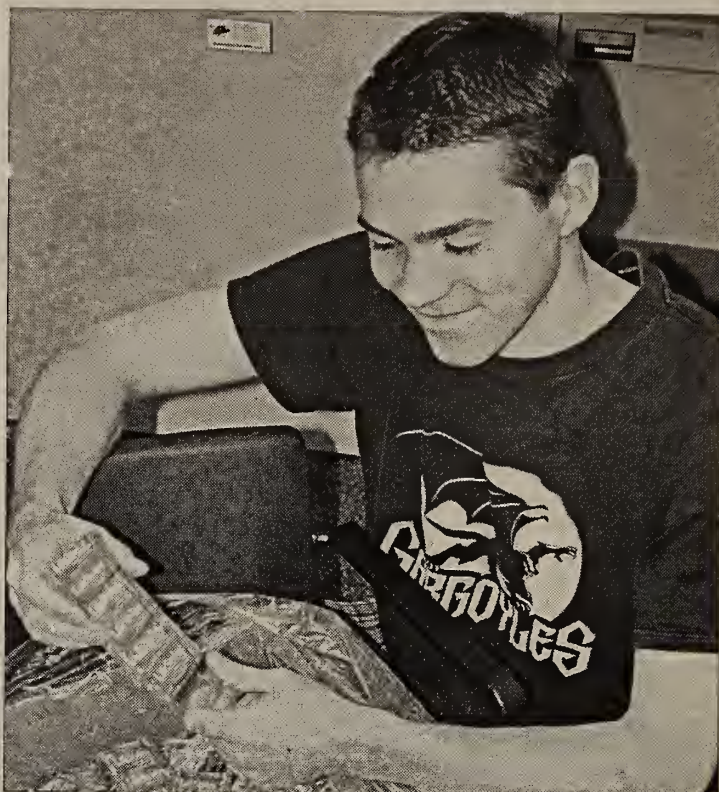
Free condom programs can eliminate the hassle of buying them for youths. But starting programs is not a problem with condom companies, McGarvie said.

"I like Durex, they've been really responsible. They have given me a whole whack of condoms to give out."

She added that it is up to the federal government to step in with some kind of agenda.

At Conestoga College, the Doon Student Association (DSA) provides free condoms for students in their office and at health services.

The DSA often schedules sex expert Sue Johanson to give presentations about safe sex at the college.



Steve Coleman, DSA vice-president of student affairs, displays free condoms available in the DSA office. (Photo by Brian Gall)

Lifestyles condoms, with whom Johanson works, provides Conestoga with the free condoms.

"They (students) can grab a handful. . . We don't set a limit," said Steve Coleman, DSA vice-president of student affairs.

He said condoms are located

right inside the door in health services so people can just reach in and get what they need without having to ask. Some students are shy about it, he added.

"They should be proud that they're protecting themselves," said Coleman.

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Condors can't recover from slow start

By Nicole Furlong

The Condors found themselves on the losing end of a hard-fought battle against the Mohawk Mountaineers in men's varsity soccer action at Conestoga on Sept. 23.

It didn't appear as if Conestoga was giving it their all in the first half against the Hamilton team as the offence tended to hang back. Attitude also reared its ugly head when Paul Mouradian was given a yellow card for mouthing the ref.

Maciej Kujawa of Mohawk scored 15

minutes into the game putting the Mountaineers into the lead.

The remainder of the half continued this way which ended up being Conestoga's downfall.

Kitchener came out with a vengeance in the second half with strong defence, an attacking offence and a number of scoring opportunities.

But it was to no avail, thanks to excellent goalkeeping on Mohawk's part. The home team couldn't match the score.

Conestoga was defeated 1-0, making

Hamilton's record 2-1-1.

This puts the Condors at 2-2-1.

Mohawk had something to prove in this, the first league game against Conestoga this season, as they lost to the Condors in the western division playoffs last year.

Mohawk coach John Gibson said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"They worked very hard today," he said.

When asked about Gibson's expectations for his team this year, he said, "We're taking it one game at a time. Today was a good start."

Conestoga's coach Geoff Johnstone said his team played well overall, despite the loss.

"We were by far the better team in the second half," he said.

"The defence was strong, but right now we lack a goal scorer."

Two members of the team are currently injured and have yet to play a game this season.

The next home game for the men will be on Oct. 14 at 4:30 p.m. when they take on Fanshawe College.

Ace in the hole



Yanling Zhao, third-semester ESL student, participated in the tennis tournament Tuesday, Sept. 21, at Doon campus. (Photo by Beverley Grondin)

College intramurals are up and running

By Jody Andruszkiewicz
Special to Spoke

As the fall term began, many aspects of student life kicked into gear. Programs at the recreation centre, a vital aspect of college life, got under way, along with registration for first-year students finding their way around classes.

Campus recreation officials ran two outdoor activities for this session: touch football and baseball.

While the number of teams and participants are low in the touch football league, enthusiasm is high. Only six teams signed up to play this session. They play on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the Doon campus practice field behind the tennis courts.

Participants in the league are excited about having a lot of games to play and a large field to play on. Emphasis in this league is on the "Sunday afternoon" atmosphere of laid back football. As the season progresses, all minds are turning towards the playoffs.

Where touch football had just a handful of teams sign up, slo-pitch drew more interest from the college community. With 10 teams participating, league officials

ensured all participants they would get a fair number of games. They play on Mondays and Wednesdays on all three diamonds on the far side of the soccer field.

Participants have made the slo-pitch league quite popular. While the "boys of summer" compete for the World Series, the "boys and girls of autumn" are pushing to have as much fun as possible while the weather lasts.

Conestoga College's first intramurals session is also well under way. All participants in the leagues are enjoying themselves. Those who missed the first session's activities and excitement should not worry.

Session two will be starting and there will be another chance to get involved with the college's intramural leagues.

The next session will offer indoor sports including volleyball and ball hockey. Officials will be needed. Participants are always a must.

Jody Andruszkiewicz is a member of the Student Athletic Council and a first-semester journalism student.

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